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Examiner: Not assigned

Title: Electronic Deposit Box System

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the file of this application prior to examination thereof:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Amendments to Figs. 1-6(b) in red ink are submitted herewith for the Examiner's review and approval. Copies of the all of the figures with Figs. 1-6(b) after amendment are also submitted herewith in the Submission of Formal Drawings.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as indicated in the attached Marked-Up Copy of Specification Sections with Amendments. In this attachment, material to be added is indicated by underlining. Also submitted herewith are substitute specification sections after the Amendments.

REMARKS

Figs. 1-5 have been amended to remove the text boxes framing the figures. The text in the lower boxes have been inserted in the specification as discussed below. Figs. 2-5 have also been amended to consistently use reference labels and numbers appearing in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 has been further amended to more clearly indicate the arrows showing "confirmation sent to